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THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

PETERBOROUGH.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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FOR THE YEAR 1972.

PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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(as at 31st December, 1972)

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To The Peterborough Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Christian and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1972.

The mid-year population was estimated by the Registrar General to have been 10,110, ten more than in the previous year.

There were 188 live births during the year, 22 more than in 1971. The crude birth rate was 18.6 per 1000 of the population and the adjusted rate 17.3. The birth rate for England and Wales was 14.8 per 1000.

Of the live births 8% were illegitimate as compared with 9% for England and Wales.

There was one stillbirth during the year and seven infant deaths. Four of these deaths were due to congenital defects. The figures vary considerably from year to year as present District statistics are relatively small. In the future, with larger Districts, the figures will not vary so much.

There was one maternal death due to abortion.

There were 119 deaths during the year, 51 males and 68 females. The crude death rate was 11.8 per 1000 of the population and the adjusted rate 13.0. The rate for England and Wales was 12.1 per thousand.

There were no new cases or deaths from Tuberculosis during the year, and there were few notifications of infectious diseases. The most common to be notified were measles 12 and Dysentery and Food Poisoning six of each.

Of the 5 cases of Cancer of the Lung which occurred all were men. One of these was under 55 years of age and 3 were under 65 years. Smoking is now known to be the main cause of this disease. What a penalty to pay for what is after all an un-necessary habit!

In closing I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council and their Officers and Staff for all the help which they have given me during the past year and during the time that I have been Medical Officer of Health of the District.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	28,186 acres
Estimated Population	10,110
Density of Persons per acre	0.36
Number of inhabited houses as at 1. 4. 72	3494
Rateable Value - April, 1972	£284,826
Value of New Penny Rate	£2,794

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	188
Rate per 1,000 population	18.6
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	8
Still-births	1
Still-births Rate per 1,000 live and still-births	5
Total live and still-births	189
Infant deaths under one year	7
Infant Mortality Rates	
Infant deaths per 1,000 live births	37
Perinatal Mortality Rate, per 1,000 total births	26
Maternal Mortality including abortion	1
Number of deaths (all ages)	119
Death Rate per 1,000 population	11.8
Deaths from Cancer (total)	25
Cancer of lung or bronchus	5
Ischaemic heart disease	24
Other heart disease	7

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no new cases or deaths from Tuberculosis during 1972, therefore I have not printed the tables this year.

TABLE SHOWING INFANT DEATHS AND THE MORTALITY RATE
OVER SIX YEARS

	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Actual Number of Deaths	4	2	Nil	1	2	7
Death Rate per 1,000 live births	22.0	11	Nil	6	12	37

COMPARISON OF RATES WITH THOSE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

	Per 1,000 Population			Per 1,000 Live Births	Per 1,000 Total Births
	Live Birth Rate.	Adjusted Birth Rate.	Crude Death Rate.	Infantile Mortality Rate	Still Births Rate.
PETERBOROUGH R.D.	18.6	17.3	11.8	37	5
ENGLAND and WALES.	14.8	14.8	12.1	17	12

Comparability Factor Births .93
Comparability Factor Deaths 1.10

The comparability factors are figures by which the crude birth and death rates need to be multiplied so as to find the adjusted rates. The adjusted rates are then comparable with the rates for England and Wales or the adjusted rates of any other place in the Country. The Registrar General calculates the factors from information available to him concerning amongst other things the age and sex structure of the population.

The following table shows the classification
of deaths from all causes, Registrar General's
figures.

<u>CAUSES OF DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, larynx	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	-	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	2	-	2
Leukaemia	1	1	2
Other malignant neoplasms	5	3	8
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	-	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases	1	-	1
Multiple Sclerosis	1	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1	1	2
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	1	1	2
Ischaemic heart disease	12	12	24
Other forms of heart disease	2	4	6
Cerebrovascular disease	6	10	16
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	4	6
Pneumonia	4	9	13
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	1	3
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	-	2	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	1	1
Abortion	-	1	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1	1
Congenital anomalies	1	2	3
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	1	2
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	1
All other accidents	-	1	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	1	1
Total all causes	51	68	119.

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during 1972.

DISEASE	TOTAL	Under 1 Year	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 65	65 and upwards	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
SMALLPOX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCARLET FEVER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIPHTHERIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEASLES	12	1	1	1	1	-	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
WHOOPING COUGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JAUNDICE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DYSENTERY	6	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
POLIOMYELITIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FOOD POISONING	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
PARA-TYPHOID	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ACUTE MENINGITIS	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE AREA

Nursing in the Home.

Under the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council Scheme the services of a District Nurse are available in all villages in the District.

Home Helps.

Domestic Home Helps are available under the County Council Scheme. Applications should be made to:

The Social Services Department,
County Offices,
Bridge Street,
PETERBOROUGH
PE1 1HF.

General Hospitals.

Patients are admitted to the Peterborough District Hospital, administered by the Peterborough and Stamford Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Isolation Hospitals.

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the management of the above Hospital Management Committee.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Provided by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council.

Child Welfare Clinics.

These are held at the following premises:-

Village Hall, Castor.	-	Second Tuesday in the month (afternoon)
Youth Centre, Eye.	-	1st and 3rd Monday in the month (afternoon)
Youth Centre at Village College, Glinton.	-	2nd and 4th Thursday in the month (afternoon)
Village Hall, Newborough.	-	2nd Friday in the month (afternoon)
Village Hall, Helpston.	-	4th Wednesday in the month (afternoon)
Congregational Church Hall, Maxey.	-	2nd Wednesday in the month (afternoon)
County Primary School, Northborough.	-	4th Monday in the month (afternoon)

Immunisation

Measles, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis and German Measles immunisation is provided by the General Practitioner service under the County Council Scheme.

Girls also can receive immunisation against German Measles during their 13th year in School through the School Medical Service.

Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis immunisation (B.C.G.) is offered to all Children in School during their first year in a Senior School.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE EAST ANGLIAN
REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Tuberculosis cases are seen either at the Chest Clinic at Stamford Hospital, or the Chest Clinic at Peterborough District Hospital.

Venereal Disease Clinics - Peterborough District Hospital.

Males:-	Mondays	5.00 p.m.
	Wednesdays	5.30.p.m. - 7.00 p.m.
Females:-	Tuesdays	10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
	Thursdays	2.00 p.m. onwards.

Patients may attend these Clinics without an appointment, and do not require a note from their family Doctor. Treatment is confidential.

Family Planning Clinics - Town Hall, Peterborough.

First and Third Wednesday	10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Wednesday	6.30.p.m. - 8.30.p.m.
Every Friday	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

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R E P O R T
OF THE
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for the
Year ended
31st December, 1972.

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Admin.

MISS P.ROUGHTON.
Clerk/Typist.

To: The Chairman and Members
of Peterborough Rural District Council.

Sir, Madam and Gentlemen,

I take pleasure in presenting my 8th Annual
Report in respect of the year 1972.

1. NUISANCES

25 nuisances were investigated as follows:-

Premises (disrepair)	3
Drainage	7
Offensive accumulations	2
Keeping of Animals	1
Overflowing and/or leaking cess-pools	2
Water Courses	7
Noise	1
Dust and Effluvia	2

23 of the nuisances were abated as a result of
informal action. No statutory notices were
served

2. FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS (See also Appendix I)

No. of factories without mechanical power	7
No. of factories with mechanical power	26
No. of building sites &c	3
No. of outworkers premises	4
No. of inspections	11

3. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of household refuse is carried out by contract from every property in the District, and this service operated satisfactorily. 1040 vehicle loads of refuse were collected.

No service is provided specifically for the collection of trade refuse.

Refuse disposal is effected by controlled tipping at the Peterborough Corporation tip in the City of Peterborough, by contract arrangement with that Authority, and at a private tip also outside the District.

4. CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967.

The following services are provided:-

4.1. Disposal Facilities for Household Refuse.

A 12 cu.yd. bulk container is provided at the Council Depot, and emptied on demand as required, currently 74 times during the 12 month period.

4.2. Bulky Items of Household Refuse.

A contract collection service has been provided on request and 46 calls on this service were made.

4.3. Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles.

By arrangement, ultimate disposal is effected to a scrap car yard in Thorney R.D.

6 abandoned vehicles were investigated. 4 were collected and disposed of and 2 were taken to the Crowland Road Depot, while investigations were made to trace the owners. In no case was it possible to recover the costs of disposal.

4.4. Rubbish Dumping

The fouling of local beauty spots, hedgerows and dykes has regrettably continued to increase. Notices have been erected at the worst sites advising of available proper disposal facilities.

Adequate facilities for disposal of any household rubbish is provided at the Crowland Road Depot, or by telephoning the R.D.C. Office, and arrangements can be made to collect from private houses.

5. PETROLEUM ACTS 1928 etc.

38 current annual licences are now in force in respect of the bulk storage of petroleum mixtures at 38 premises.

14 inspections were carried out.

6. SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT 1958

1 Licence to slaughter animals was re-newed.

7. ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT

There are 3 licenced establishments in the District.

8. COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are none in the Rural District.

9. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

6 applications were received. Grants were awarded in each case amounting in total to £5,810.

The premises were situated in the following parishes:-

Etton	1
Glington	2
Maxey	1
Northborough	2

9.2. Standard Grants

Applications were received in respect of 8 premises for the provision of the following amenities:-

Baths	7
Wash-hand basins	8
Sinks	1
Hot water supplies	8
Internal W.C.'s	6

The premises were situated in the following parishes:-

Ailsworth	1
Eye	5
Helpston	2

9.3. Special Grants.

No applications were received.

10. CARAVAN SITES.

2 new licences were issued in respect of single caravans for a temporary period.

14 inspections were made of existing sites.

11. INSECT PEST CONTROL

Six cases of ant infestations were treated and eight wasps nests were destroyed during the year. It is generally found that wasp nests cause alarm wherever found, and the speedy service for their removal, operated by the Council, is well appreciated.

12. RODENT CONTROL

60 complaints were received regarding rat sightings. In each case the complaints were carefully investigated and control measures put in hand involving not only the reported infested property, but also the general locality with a view to eradicating other likely infestations in the area.

7 complaints were received regarding mice. It is becoming increasingly difficult to eradicate mice infestations, and new poisons are being tried in an effort to find a solution to the problem. Whilst mice may seem engaging to some, they appear to have a natural penchant for avoiding control measures.

1 complaint involving pigeons was dealt with during the year.

The Annual Report in the form required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is presented as Appendix II.

13 WATER SUPPLY - Peterborough R.D.

The following data is kindly provided by the South Lincolnshire Water Board:-

13.1. Water Consumption

(i)	Total quantity supplied in the year	191,224,000 gallons
(ii)	Average daily consumption	523,000 gallons
(iii)	Per capita consumption	51.7 gallons per head per day.

This consumption can be divided between metered and unmetered as follows:-

Metered	9.0 gallons per head per day.
Unmetered	42.7 gallons per head per day.

13.2. Water Quality

(i) Samples of raw and treated water from all three sources of supply and from points within the distribution network were submitted every week during the year for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratory in Peterborough. All results were satisfactory with the exception of one or two samples of the raw water from Wilsthorpe and these were taken care of by the residual control chlorination equipment installed there.

(ii) The following is a chemical analysis of a representative sample of water as distributed to this District.

Appearance	Clear and bright	pH	7.2 (on arrival)	
			11	do
Colour	2 (Pt-Co Scale)	Temperature	do	°C
Odour	None	Free Chlorine	Nil	mg/l
Taste	None	Total Chlorine	Nil	mg/l
Cations		Anions		
Caustic Alkalinity	Nil mg/l	CaCO ₃	Sulphate SO ₄ ---	129 mg/l
Total Alkalinity	225 mg/l	CaCO ₃	Chloride Cl -	27 mg/l
Total Hardness	383 mg/l	CaCO ₃	Nitrite N	Nil mg/l
Calcium Hardness	341 mg/l	CaCO ₃	Nitrate N	3.3 mg/l
Calcium	136 mg/l	Ca	Nitrate NO ₃ -	14.6 mg/l
Magnesium	10.2 mg/l	Mg	Fluoride F ⁻	0.23 mg/l
Free & Saline Ammonia (N)	0.01 mg/l		Phosphate PO ₄ ---	N.D. mg/l
Iron Fe ⁺⁺	0.02 mg/l		Total Phosphate PO ₄ ---	N.D. mg/l
Copper Cu ⁺⁺	Nil mg/l		Total Mineral	
Zinc Zn ⁺⁺	Nil mg/l		Acidity	164 mg/l
Manganese Mn ⁺⁺	Nil mg/l		Free CO ₂	28 mg/l
Aluminium Al ⁺⁺⁺	N.D. mg/l		Total Dissolved	
Chromium Cr ⁺⁺⁺	N.D. mg/l		Solids @ °C 105.	532 mg/l
Permanent Hardness	158 mg/l	CaCO ₃		
Arsonic	N.D. mg/l		Organic Matter	
Lead	Nil mg/l		Permanganate Value	0.44 mg/l
Cyanide	N.D. mg/l		Oxygen consumed in 30 mins	0.20 hrs.
			@ 100°C	27 °C
			Albuminoid Nitrogen N	0.03 mg/l

13.3. General

The results of analysis indicate a water which conforms to the International and European W.H.O. standards for drinking water with respect to chemical content.

13.4. Works

Work continued throughout the year on the two new service reservoirs at Etton and Upton which should be brought into commission during 1973.

13.4. Mains Laid.

The following table gives details of the mains laid in the Rural District during the year:-

LOCATION	76mm (3")	610mm (24")	TOTAL
	METRES	METRES	
Deeping Gate	142		142
Upton) Marholm		510	510
) to			
Helpston) Upton		2600	2600
) Trunk			
Marholm) Main.		1250	1250
TOTAL	142	4360	4502

14. FOOD AND DRUGS

14.1. Meat and Food Inspection.

There are no slaughter Houses within the Rural District.

On two occasions the perishable contents of freezer cabinets were voluntarily surrendered as unfit, following power failure and resultant temperature rise.

Three complaints regarding food not of the nature, substance or quality required were investigated during the year. On each occasion intensive investigations were made by the manufacturers, and the causes were indentified as mechanical breakdowns in the packing plant. Severe warnings were issued in each case.

14.2. Food Premises.

There are 45 Food Premises registered in the following classifications:-

Butchers	3
Cafes	2
Confectioners	2
Fish and Chips	4
General and Greengrocers	13
Public Houses and Clubs	21

14.3. Food Hygiene Regulations.

(See Appendix V.).

15. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

12 cases of intestinal infections were investigated during the year.

16. DISINFESTATION

Two families were found to be infested with Body Lice, and in each case the clothing and bedding were thoroughly disinfested by this Department, in conjunction with personal hygiene improvements encouraged by the medical practitioner and social services departments. It is disturbing that in this enlightened age such cases still occur.

17. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

17 inspections were made. The Annual Report in the form required by the Department of Employment and Productivity is presented as Appendix III

18. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The main drainage systems generally operated well.

A minor improvement scheme was carried out in the Parish of Castor to increase the capacity of the system.

A chlorination system is to be installed as an experiment at a sewage pumping station where sewage septicity is creating problems of odour and sulphide attack on the sewer pipes.

1 existing property was connected to the public sewers.

19 CESS-POOL EMPTYING

Cess-pools and septic tanks are emptied by contract and this service now provides for four free emptyings per year where the properties are situated more than 100 feet from an available public sewer. For the fifth and successive emptyings in the yearly period, a charge is made.

327 tanks were emptied, excluding Council Houses.

Parish	Requests	No. of Emptyings.				
		1	2	3	4	5
Ailsworth	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borough Fen	21	10	8	3	-	-
Castor	1	-	1	-	-	-
Deeping Gate	3	2	1	-	-	-
Etton	1	-	1	-	-	-
Eye	26	16	5	4	1	-
Glington	6	4	1	1	-	-
Helpston	14	5	6	2	1	-
Marholm	1	-	1	-	-	-
Maxey	9	5	4	-	-	-
Newborough	188	80	51	29	25	3
Northborough	14	6	6	1	1	-
Peakirk	16	5	10	-	1	-
Sutton	24	16	2	2	4	-
Upton	3	2	1	-	-	-
Totals	327	151	98	42	33	3

20 NIGHT SOIL COLLECTION

This service is still provided by contract in the Parish of Newborough for some 70 properties, and will be continued until the proposed main drainage scheme is in operation.

21 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

A table of Annual Rainfall Statistics is attached as Appendix IV. No flooding occurred during the year.

22. SCHOOL SWIMMING POOLS

51 samples were taken from the five school swimming pools in the district.

Bacteriological and chemical analysis were taken on each occasion and the Bacteriological results are as follows:-

School	No.of samples.	Satisfactory	Poor	Unsatisfactory
A	12	10	2	Nil
B	10	10	Nil	Nil
C	9	9	Nil	Nil
D	10	8	2	Nil
E	10	4	6	Nil

In every case advice was given on possible causes and means of remedying poor results. The continuing high quality of swimming pool water throughout the District is a fair indication of the immense time and trouble taken by the Headmaster at each School to keep their pools to the highest standards of purity.

23 UNFIT PROPERTY (Housing Acts).

No. of dwellings formally represented as unfit	15
No. of Demolition Orders made	12
No. of Closing Orders made	3
Estimated number of unfit dwellings still to be dealt with.	20

24 COUNCIL HOUSING.

24.1. Building

2 new dwellings were erected during the year.

The total number of dwellings owned and maintained by the Council at December, 1972 was 782 including 22 flatlets.

24.2. Maintenance

3234 repairs were carried out during the year in 1409 properties and 2960 inspections were made.

161 properties were externally painted by contract.

24.3. Sale of Council Houses.

57 properties were sold to sitting tenants.

24.4. Provision of Central Heating.

During the year a scheme was approved whereby on request from tenants schemes of central heating are installed in Council properties and the cost recovered by rental increase.

Central heating was thus provided in 44 properties.

24.5. Improvements.

A start was made on the first phase of the improvement scheme for pre-war Council houses involving 31 dwellings. At the end of the year 3 properties were completed, with 14 in progress. Inevitable teething troubles were experienced on the first few properties, but with the co-operation of tenants and contractors these were overcome to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The plans and Specifications for the second phase involving 81 properties were finalised during the year, and the details were submitted to the D. O. E. for approval.

24.6. Tenancy Changes

Tenancy changes have resulted in 35 re-lettings as follows:-

Ailsworth	1
Castor	1
Etton	1
Eye	15
Glington	6
Helpston	1
Maxey	5
Newborough	4
Northborough	1

25 PRIVATE HOUSING

50 dwellings were completed during the year (an increase of 6 on the 1971 figures) and were distributed in the parishes as shown:-

Ailsworth	11
Deeping Gate	4
Eye	25
Helpston	1
Marholm	1
Maxey	1
Newborough	1
Northborough	3
Peakirk	1
Sutton	2

55 properties were in course of erection at the end of the year, distributed in parishes as shown:-

Ailsworth	11
Castor	17
Deeping Gate	3
Eye	3
Helpston	3
Maxcy	2
Newborough	2
Northborough	11
Peskirk	1
Sutton	2

26 BUILDING REGULATIONS 1972.

225 plans and applications were submitted for consideration under the Building Regulations 1972.

1278 inspections were made.

27. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS.

235 applications for planning permission were deposited and recommendations were made in each case to the County Council as the Planning Authority.

28 SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

Animal Boarding Establishments	2
Building Inspection	1348
Caravans	14
Civic Amenities Act	78
Committee's etc.	52
Council Houses	
(Other than repairs)	254
Council Houses	
(Repairs etc)	2973
Dangerous Buildings	2
Drainage and Sewerage	62
Factories and Workshops	11
Foodshops and Food Hygiene	27
Gypsies	3
Housing Acts	49
Improvement Grants	102
Infectious Diseases	40
Miscellaneous	51
Mobile Vans	4
Nuisances	32
Offices, Shops and	
Railway Premises Act	17
Open Spaces	33
Petroleum Acts	14
Planning	21
Refuse Collection	17
Rodent Control	36
Road Safety and Highways	2
Swimming Pools	33
Street Lighting	4
Street Naming and Numbering	11
Water Supply	2

29 CONCLUSION

Inevitably the work load of the Department has increased and will presumably continue to do so. Pressures resulting from the pending local government re-organisation are already being experienced and will necessarily escalate as 1974 gets nearer, whilst the establishment will remain static.

I know however that the loyalty of the staff and workmen can continue to be relied upon and I happily record my thanks to them for all their efforts. I also record my appreciation to the Members of the Council for the understanding and co-operation which I have enjoyed from them during the year here-in recorded.

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Surveyor and Public Health
Inspector.

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APPENDIX I

FACTORY ACT 1961.

PREMISES	Number on Registrar	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(I) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	4	-	-
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	26	4	-	-
(III) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	3	3	-	-
TOTALS	36	11	-	-

APPENDIX I - Continued

PARTICULARS

Number of cases in which defects were found.

Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted.

	Found Remedied		To H.M. Inspector.		By H.M. Inspector Referred.	
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector.	Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector Referred.	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	3	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX I - Continued.

Nature of Work.	No. of Out-Workers in August List required by Section 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists. (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises. (5)	Notices served. (6)	Prosecutions. (7)
(1)						
Weaving Apparel:- Making etc.	2	-	-	-	-	-
Carding etc. of Buttons etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	-	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX II

ANNUAL REPORT ON RATS AND MICE
PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Year ended 31st December, 1972.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non- Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in District	3617	
2a Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	83	6
2b Number infested by:-		
(i) Rats	78	6
(ii) Mice	7	1
3a Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	196	31
3b Number infested by:-		
(i) Rats	4	2
(ii) Mice	1	-

APPENDIX III

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Registration and General Inspections

Year ended 31st December, 1972.

Class of Premises	No. of Premises Registered during year.	Total number of Registered Premises at end of year.	Number of premises receiving an inspection during year.
Offices	-	15	8
Retail Shops	-	29	29
Warehouses etc.	-	1	1
Catering Establishments	-	1	1
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	1
TOTALS	Nil	47	40

APPENDIX IV
TABLE OF MONTHLY RAINFALL.
1963-1972 in inches as recorded at Thorney.

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
January	0.86	0.61	1.89	1.26	0.74	1.59	3.03	2.59	2.77	2.26
February	0.33	0.91	0.77	2.85	1.95	0.88	1.50	1.85	0.40	1.23
March	3.08	2.93	2.31	0.43	0.88	0.81	2.11	1.49	1.23	2.14
April	2.15	2.13	1.81	2.92	3.12	2.54	1.35	2.82	1.19	1.40
May	1.95	1.32	1.61	1.82	3.41	2.03	5.78	0.84	2.24	1.30
June	2.63	3.96	1.53	3.38	1.34	3.13	2.01	1.19	2.32	2.02
July	2.05	1.12	2.90	2.81	1.08	5.86	2.05	1.53	1.00	1.89
August	3.21	1.14	1.86	4.45	1.47	3.89	2.94	3.82	2.41	0.73
September	1.44	1.37	4.50	1.71	1.42	4.00	0.16	1.10	1.39	1.65
October	0.64	0.70	0.28	2.16	3.37	2.06	0.65	0.78	1.73	0.30
November	2.95	1.26	2.30	2.17	2.15	1.86	3.05	4.78	2.54	2.62
December	0.41	1.13	4.02	2.90	1.29	1.50	2.94	1.52	1.33	2.67
TOTALS	21.70	18.58	25.78	28.86	22.22	30.15	27.57	24.31	20.55	20.21

APPENDIX V

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

FOOD PREMISES

Type of Business.	No. of Premises.	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg.16.	No. of Premises to which Reg.19 applies.	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg.19.
Butchers	3	3	3	3
Cafes	2	2	2	2
Confectioners	2	2	-	-
Fish & Chips	4	4	4	4
General and Greengrocers	13	9	8	7
Public Houses	21	21	21	21
Totals	45	41	38	37

